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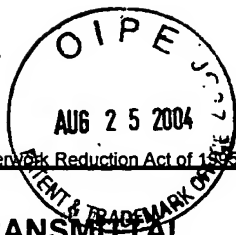
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| First Named Inventor | HUNTLEY et al. |
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (copy enclosed) mailed June 23, 2004, Applicants submit the enclosed Declarations (37 CFR 1.63) for Utility or Design Application Using an Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865, the \$130.00 fee required under 37 CFR 1.16(e).

The Commissioner is requested to grant any necessary extension of time and is authorized to charge any additional fee, if required, to our Deposit Account No. 02-2865. This request is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Aug 23, 2004

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